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# Rewald incurs Lord's silent wrath

## April's Playboy playmate a no-show

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The prosecution called two star witnesses against Ronald Rewald yesterday, but only one showed up.

The no-show caused a federal judge to issue a bench warrant for the arrest of a Playboy centerfold, effective tomorrow if she doesn't agree to appear.

But there was drama to spare in the courtroom even without the Miss April Playmate.

If looks could speak, the look Jack Lord gave Ronald Rewald in court yesterday would have said, "Book him, Danno."

"It would have been a damnable lie," Lord said, if Rewald had told anyone that Lord occupied an office in Rewald's firm or used a parking space reserved exclusively for him.

Lord, who played Steve McGarrett in the long-running "Hawaii 5-0" TV series, said he had never heard of such rumors, although he visited Rewald's office a few times and several times declined Rewald's invitation to occupy space in the office suite.

If he had heard of such a thing, "our relationship would have ended then and there. I hate to be used — anyone hates to be used."

It was at that point that Lord turned on the witness stand and glared at Rewald, a man he had considered "a very dear guy, a very dear friend."

Lord said he met Rewald in 1981 when he agreed to review some movie ideas for him at the request of a mutual friend, the late Al Lopa-ka, musician and polo player.

Lord's name appears in an organizational table for Rewald's firm, Bishop Baldwin Rewald Dillingham & Wong. Lord said yesterday it was there because Rewald "put it there without my knowledge or consent." Rewald's former partner, Sunlin Wong, testified earlier he put the name of Lord and some other purported Bishop Baldwin personnel in an operating division marked "special" because he didn't know where else to put them.

The actor said he and his wife, Marie, became close social acquaintances of the Rewalds, accepting many invitations to their home and having the Rewalds over themselves.

There were so many fancy classic cars in Rewald's driveway the first time they called, Lord remembered, he thought Rewald was having a party.

Rewald pressed the services of his chauffeur and limousines on the Lords, he said, frequently taking them to and from the airport when they traveled. Rewald was invariably accompanied by bodyguards, Lord said.

Lord said he expected and received no payment for critiquing a few movie ideas, all of which were "junk," which Rewald sent to him. The Rewalds did send him a telephoto lens for his photography hobby, and a scarf and a Gucci address book for Marie at Christmas, he said.

Lord's only business transaction with Rewald, he said, was the sale to Rewald, for \$45,000, of Lord's mobile dressing room from the "Hawaii 5-0" series.

Sworn in under both his professional name and his legal name, John J. Ryan, the tall TV and movie actor was the government's star witness for the day.



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Jack Lord testifies in court yesterday.

U.S. District Judge Harold Fong, noting the full house in the courtroom, told the actor when he left the stand it was a tribute to his ability to draw an audience.

But some of the spectators were there expecting to see another celebrity. Playboy Magazine's Miss April 1985, Cynthia "Cyndy" Brooks.

But Brooks and another witness, Susan McGinnis, failed to show, prompting Fong to threaten to issue bench warrants for their arrest.

Both women were represented in court yesterday by prominent Honolulu tax attorney Arthur Reinwald, who said they were willing to testify, but neither had the money to pay for a trip to Hawaii to do so.

Reinwald acknowledged he had advised McGinnis to leave town for a European vacation and Fong suggested that Reinwald may be responsible for giving McGinnis bad advice and might find it appropriate to pay her way back.